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REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-23 and 25-29 are pending in this application. Claim 24 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 25, 26 and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 2002374066. Claim 24 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer thereby rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-23 are allowed. Claims 25-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, claims 25, 26 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 27 depends on claim 26 and claim 29 depends on claim 28. Accordingly, claims 25-28 should now be allowed.

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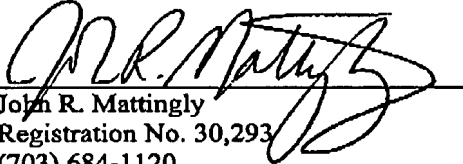
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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